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APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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**TITLE:** METHOD FOR THE BROAD SPECTRUM PREVENTION AND REMOVAL OF  
MICROBIAL CONTAMINATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS BY QUATERNARY AMMONIUM  
COMPOUNDS

In connection with this application, the following are enclosed:

- 31 Pages of Specification with Abstract  
30 Claims  
5 Sheets of Drawings  
XX Declaration, Power of Attorney to be filed under provisions of 37  
C.F.R. 1.53(d)  
     Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449/  
     Certified Priority Application and Priority Claim  
     Statement of Small Entity Status  
     Other:

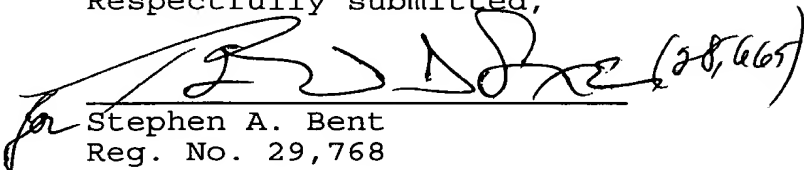
The fee has been calculated as shown below. (Small entity fees  
indicated in parentheses.)

(1) For	(2) Number Filed	(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Basic Fee \$770 (\$385)
Total Claims	30 - 20 =	10	x \$22 (x \$11)	990.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	x \$80 (x \$40)	80.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			\$260 (\$130)	
Surcharge Under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e)			\$130 (\$65)	
TOTAL FEE:				\$1,070.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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